

JUNE 2005

HISTORY

The first medical corpsmen were airdropped in 1943 to a downed aircrew in a remote location on the China-Burma border as part of the American campaign against Japan during World War II. Pararescuemen, known at the time as para-jumpers or PJs, responded to the need for a highly trained rescue force. PJs later began integrating scuba techniques into their tactics, jumping with more than 170 pounds of equipment. Pararescuemen proved to be the premier force that rescued downed pilots in wartime, Gemini mission astronauts in the 1960s, and San Francisco earthquake victims in 1989. Pararescuemen continue to deploy so “That Others May Live” whenever they are called to help resolve international emergencies and humanitarian relief efforts.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Scouts and Raiders move to Omaha Beach; Rangers attack Pointe du Hoc, 1944	7	8	9 Operation Firm Response deploys ESAT to Congo, 1997	10	11 OSS established; 1942 Operation Mount Hope III recovers Soviet helo in Africa, 1988
12	13	14 Army Birthday Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Special Forces Founders Day	20	21 Summer Begins	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2